

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 5 1. A fixing ring for fixing a dispenser member on a neck of a receptacle containing a substance to be dispensed, said fixing ring being annular and comprising a bottom portion and top portion, said bottom portion including fixing means for fixing said ring to said neck and said top portion including an opening for the dispenser member and means for securing said member on said neck, said top portion further including at least one guide wall element extending vertically parallel to the longitudinal axis of the dispenser member and around the periphery of said fixing ring substantially in line with said fixing means of said bottom portion.
- 10 2. A fixing ring according to claim 1 wherein said fixing means of said ring are snap-fastening means.
- 15 3. A fixing ring according to claim 2 wherein said snap-fastening means of said ring are snap-fastening tabs.
- 20 4. A fixing ring according to claim 1, wherein said guide wall element is a continuous, guiding, annular crown.
- 25 5. A fixing device for fixing a dispenser member to the neck of a receptacle containing a substance to be dispensed, said device comprising: an annular fixing ring provided with snap-fastening means designed to snap-fasten to said neck of the receptacle and an annular hoop which has an inside diameter that is substantially equal to the outside diameter of the
- 30 fixing ring and that can be engaged in a force fit on said fixing ring to prevent said snap-fastening means from splaying apart, said fixing ring comprising a bottom portion and a top portion, said bottom portion including said snap-fastening means for snap-fastening to said neck, said top portion including an opening for
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vertically over at least a fraction of the height of said side wall, the inside diameter of said hoop at said at least one projection being slightly less than the outside diameter of said fixing ring.

5 9. A fixing device according to claim 8 wherein said snap-fastening means of said ring are snap-fastening tabs.

10 10. A fixing device according to claim 8 wherein said guide wall element is a continuous, guiding, annular crown.

11. A fixing device according to claim 8 wherein said at least one projection is a rib.

15 12. A fixing device according to claim 8 wherein said hoop has an annular side wall and wherein said at least one projection is formed by an indentation in said side wall.

20 13. A fixing device according to claim 8 wherein said hoop has an annular side wall and wherein said hoop includes a plurality of projections uniformly distributed around the inside face of said side wall.

14. A fixing device according to claim 8 wherein said projection is an annular shoulder extending horizontally around the inside circumference of said hoop.

25 15. A fixing device according to claim 8 wherein said hoop consists of a material that is harder than that of said fixing ring.

30 16. A fixing device according to claim 15 wherein said hoop consists of metal and said fixing ring consists of a plastic material.

17. A fixing device according to claim 8 wherein said at least one projection extends vertically from the top end of said hoop to a point situated more than halfway down the height of said hoop.

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22. A fixing device according to claim 18 wherein the inside face of said annular side wall of said hoop is provided with a plurality of parallel oblique projections distributed around its circumference.

24. A fixing device according to claim 18 wherein said at least one projection is formed by an indentation in said hoop side wall.

placing an annular fixing ring on said dispenser member, said annular fixing ring being provided at one end with snap-fastening means and at its opposite end with a guide wall extending in line with said snap-fastening means parallel to the longitudinal axis of said fixing ring;

placing a subassembly comprising said dispenser member, said fixing ring, and said hoop on said neck of said receptacle;

30 exerting a first force F1 on the hoop which
bears against the guide wall of said fixing ring and
urges said fixing ring onto said neck of the receptacle,
said snap-fastening means splaying apart under the
effect of the force F1 prior to snap-fastening to said
35 neck of the receptacle; and

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5 said bottom end of said at least one projection and
which pushes said fixing ring against the neck of the
receptacle, said snap-fastening means splaying apart
under the effect of the force F1 prior to snap-fastening
to the enlarged flange of said neck of the receptacle;
and

10 exerting on said hoop a second force F2
greater than the first force F1, said second force F2
being sufficient to cause said hoop to be moved down
said ring and engaged in a force fit on said fixing ring
at a final position, said hoop thereby preventing said
snap-fastening means of the fixing ring from splaying
apart.

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